

TOWN OF NEW GLARUS
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2014
MINUTES

ATTENDING: Chris Narveson, Andy Elkins, Dana Emmerton, Chris Reis, Harry Pulliam and Susan McCallum, Deputy Clerk.

ABSENT:

ALSO ATTENDING:

CALL TO ORDER: C. Narveson called the meeting to order at 7:45p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Proof of Posting: S. McCallum attested that the agenda was properly posted.

2. Discuss and consider September 25, 2014 minutes:

H. Pulliam moved to approve the September 25 minutes, 2nd C. Reis. Motion carried.

3. Public Comments: None.

4. Discuss and consider 2015 budget: approve expenditures; \$14.37 True Value, \$228.00

Monroe Signs: S. McCallum explained the two invoices enclosed. Harry explained the change of sign producer because of three week time line with Dove Designs. He had the sign available for display, and explained that the antifreeze purchased is used to fill for stability. The aluminum panels cost \$15 a piece/\$15 lettering and can be re-lettered multiple times. A. Elkins moved to amend the September 25 motion to pay Monroe Signs instead of Dove Designs and pay the True Value invoice, 2nd by D. Emmerton. Motion carried.

McCallum explained the current budget through payments made with the October board meeting. She reviewed changes from the draft presented in September and the spreadsheet supplied by the clerk. She will check on discrepancies in the Parks workshop category and explained the website dollar amount. The Commission discussed the following changes from the 2014 budget: reduce trail development to \$500 due to impact fees needing to be used in 2015, increase Parks Workshops/projects to \$3,395 in order to work on future projects with the school and/or Village, postage to \$500 due to the rate increase the first of this last year, printing to \$300 due to two workshops and Tree sales fliers, remove website maintenance amount, TPE membership to \$300 to compensate for another burn, recruitment down to \$100 as less was spent than anticipated, Pool Scholarships to \$500 due to kick off year being postponed to 2015, Maintenance/Restoration of BBRC to \$2,000 to address scout projects anticipated- including another bird blind and possible picnic table and invasive species abatement in the fall. A. Elkins moved to recommend the 2015 budget of \$15,000 as presented, 2nd H. Pulliam. Motion carried. They also discussed the remaining monies in the 2014 budget: yet to be purchased are BBRC signs, entrance delineation, parks camera and storage shed.

5. Update: Trail along Spring Valley creek, DNR representative: Past DNR water quality representative has left and McCallum is trying to connect with new person to come to a November or December meeting.

6. Update: joint school project communication: They reviewed the email communication to the school by H. Pulliam and A. Elkins.

7. Discuss and consider Fall Workshop:

a. fire dept. presence or ATV with water. Fire Chief said he was not worried about them setting fire, would not need truck. C. Narveson is unable to use ATV, he has some Hudson sprayers so he will fill with water and bring to the site. A. Elkins and C. Narveson will bring weed eaters to mow a wide swath around the pile. C. Narveson will check length of lawn before the event. All will bring flashlights. The fire will be allowed to burn out, with raking to combine.

b. Set-up, refreshments cost, roasting sticks. They discussed setting a smaller camp fire for roasting and this allows two locations for people to gather. A. Elkins already has the hot chocolate; D. Emmerton will get cookies, 5 pkgs. buns, 2 bags of marshmallows, 2 cases of water, mustard and ketchup at Roy's on Saturday. Scouts will make sticks that day.

c. Direction sign at Hwy 69. H. Pulliam will place.

d. Scout recognition, press release. H. Pulliam will speak, recognizing the Audubon speakers, Adam Ingwell, Andrew Newberry, Eagle Scout that refinished the two picnic tables, scout that refinished the entrance sign, Dave Woerpel and all scout leaders.

e. Information on 2015 Tree sales. A. Elkins will present the tree program. Corey Secher met with him and has given him a WI tree seedling order guide. Anything in the guide is designated as a native species. If ordered from the guide they are only 8", so they will look for types in the guide and order from previous vendors. They will have this available for people to look at and they will ask for suggestions.

8. Discuss and consider BBRC activities:

a. Follow-up maintenance of picnic tables, 1-paint, 1- stain. Michael Fink, Eagle Scout project painted the tables with D. Emmerton as leader.

b. A. Ingwell email regarding tree removal. McCallum explained the email and discussion with S. Fabos who had just done spray application. She went over the fact that the property owner, bordering the north boundary, doesn't want to remove any Box Elders on his property. S. Fabos suggests replanting with oaks and order through the tree sales, this may change person's mind.

9. Discuss and consider purchase of mower: To be discussed with budget for 2015. There is a worker's comp. issue with a commission member running mower, would need to be patrolman. H. Pulliam talked about purchasing an ATV, but C. Narveson said it would be hard to justify with the town. So an alternate could be to hire the mowing done initially.

10. Schedule Next Meeting and Set Agenda: November 20, 7pm. DNR rep., E. Woerpel, Tree sales, signs, entry, shed, camera, follow-up workshop.

11. Adjourn: A. Elkins moved to adjourn at 10:00 pm, 2nd by D. Emmerton. Motion carried.